

**MAGISTRATE JUDGE
Fifth Judicial Circuit
Aberdeen, South Dakota**

Requisition #: J21-10

Agency: Unified Judicial System

Salary: \$107,457.23 annually

Closing Date: April 9, 2021

Position Purpose: Position performs highly responsible legal work in the disposition of certain types of cases in magistrate court in the Fifth Judicial Circuit. This position will require travel. Work involves responsibility for hearing and ruling on certain civil and criminal cases. Work is supervised by the Presiding Judge of the judicial circuit. Position includes generous benefits program with retirement system, health and life benefits, vacation plan and other options.

Duties may include:

- administering oaths;
- taking acknowledgements;
- issuing warrants of arrest and search and seizure warrants;
- acting as committing magistrate and fixing bond;
- handling initial action on protection orders;
- hearing and evaluating evidence;
- trying and determining all misdemeanor cases and actions or proceedings for violation of any ordinance or other police regulation of a political subdivision;
- taking pleas;
- taking forfeitures of appearance bonds;
- trying civil actions or small claims up to a specific jurisdictional amount;
- participating and assisting with Drug Court and/or DUI court;
- entering judgment;
- occasional work on weekends and holidays.

Comments: Applicants must have graduated from an accredited law school, be licensed to practice law in South Dakota and have experience in the practice of law. Applicants must meet the State of South Dakota Constitutional requirements set forth in Article V Section 6 upon appointment. This position is appointed by the Presiding Judge of the judicial circuit, subject to approval by the Supreme Court, for a four-year term subject to potential renewal. The applicant recommended for appointment will undergo an intensive background investigation.

To qualify for Veterans' Preference, a veteran must have been separated or discharged honorably or under honorable conditions. To be considered for Veterans' Preference, please attach a copy of the DD214, DD214R or NGB22 indicating qualifications per SDCL 33A-2-1.

To Apply: Applicants must complete a letter of interest and a magistrate judge applicant/personal data questionnaire. This document can be obtained by accessing the following link <http://ujis.sd.gov/uploads/hr/MagistratePDQ.pdf> or contacting the Human Resources office. If the applicant has completed a circuit court judge judicial application/personal data questionnaire within the last six months, it may be submitted in lieu of the magistrate application, provided it is updated to the date of application. All personal data questionnaires must be submitted by the closing date to:

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